Increment to acting hands in the Education Department.

30. ✻**Mr. K. N. Kesavan Namputiripad** : Are the Government aware that, in departments other than Education, acting hands are given increments, and, if the answer is in the affirmative, will the Government be pleased to state why those in the Education Department are not given increments ?

Mr. R. Nilakanta Pillai (*Financial Secretary to Government*) : *First Part.*—Acting hands are not, according to the rules, eligible for increments and hence they are not given increments in any department except in the Judicial Department where acting Munsiffs are allowed to draw increments as a special case.

Second Part.—This does not arise in view of the answer to the first part.

Mr. K. N. Kesavan Namputiripad : Are the acting hands in the Secretariat given any increments ?

Mr. R. Nilakanta Pillai : So far as I am aware, the answer is "No."

Uchakkada Pozhiyoor trace.

31. ✻**Mr. N. K. Padmanabha Pillai** (*Neyyattinkara cum Nedumangad*) : With reference to the Uchakkada-Pozhiyoor trace in Kulatur pakuthi, Neyyattinkara taluk, will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) when the same was surveyed ;

(*b*) whether estimates have been prepared for the same, and, if so, when, and what is the amount; and

(c) what is the cause of the delay in taking up that work ?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott : (*a*) An investigation for improvements to the trace was conducted in 1925.

(*b*) Yes ; in 1933 ; an estimate amounting to Rs. 1,660.

(*c*) For want of funds.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai : With reference to the answer to part (*c*), may I ask whether any amount, in the P. W. D. budget for 1109, was allowed to lapse ?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott : I claim notice.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai : The answer says that the delay was due to want of funds. That is why I am asking whether any amount out of the P. W. D. budget for 1109, was allowed to lapse. If funds had been allowed to lapse, if the Chief Engineer had funds to be allowed to lapse, certainly, he cannot now say that the work could not be taken up for want of funds.

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott : The work was not taken up in that year since the land required for the purpose had not been acquired ; and it was for want of funds that the lands could not be acquired then.

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